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## Don't forget to cast your vote during Final Elections

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The top six vote getters from November's Primary Elections will be looking for your votes come January 8th and 9th.

Candidates are vying for 3 open seats in the Menominee Tribal Legislature, the top three will each serve three year terms in office.

The following six candidates received the most votes in the primaries: Michael Chapman (697 votes), Laurie Boivin (551 votes), Laurie Reiter (506 votes), Theodore Warrington (492 votes), Sylvia Wilber (463 votes), and Eugene Caldwell (441 votes).

Elections will take place on Wednesday, January 8th at the Neopit Fire Station from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 9th in Keshena at the Gordon Dickie Building from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Also on January 9th, Judy Duquain will replace Keith Tourtillott as Chief of Police for the Menominee Tribe.

The Swearing In Ceremony for the top three vote getters will take place on Sunday, February 9th, at the Menominee Casino.

Go out and show your support, every vote counts!

## Special General Council Meeting held on Per Capita Distribution



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**Kathy Kaquatosh, explains the tribe's finances at a Special General Council meeting held on December 17. Although the vote was 92-14 for the per capita, the legislature chose not to follow the advisory vote.**

**Charlotte Caldwell**  
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The Menominee Legislature held a special General Council meeting at the Neopit Community Center on December 17, 2002, to discuss the distribution of a per capita payment for all 8,090 enrolled Menominees. The cost to the tribe will be about \$860,000.

Much discussion revolved around the tribal budget for this year. "We are operating on a bare bones budget now. A cut to any more programs will hurt the services provided to the community," said Lisa Waukau, Tribal Chairman.

Although the big four tribes of Wisconsin have seen a 50% increase in gaming revenues, the

Menominee Tribe is not one of them. The tribe has received \$975,000 from the Casino this year and it is being used to fund tribal programs.

The tribe will not know about any money coming from the Federal Government for program money until after January 20. The budget for the tribe this year is at \$1.7 million.

The Judgement Funds

have been invested in an endowment which cannot be touched or borrowed against. This restricted money generates interest which is used for education, health, and burial funds.

In the investment portfolio, there is \$1.9 million which is our safety net, or reserve monies.

**See Per Capita Meeting pg 2**

## Headstart goes carolling at CMN



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The Delores K. Boyd Headstart brought the three-year olds carolling at the College of the Menominee Nation on Friday, December 6, 2002. The children sang Jingle Bells and Frosty the Snowman. The children also made decorations for the CMN Christmas Tree and received candy canes. Pictured are the children of Room 6, "Miss Ava" Fowler and "Miss Mary" Tomow's class.

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